



ASUC Senate Meeting Agenda

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Spring 2012 Session – Week 2

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

7:00 pm, Senate Chamber

- I. Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2011
- II. New Business
 - SB 19 – A Bill in Support of the Renewal of the Class Pass Program Referendum for Spring 2012 ASUC Election
 - SB 20 – A Bill in Support of Saving Mothers Research Team (SMRT)
 - SB 21 – A Bill in Support of Expanding Your Horizons @ Berkeley's Conference
 - SB 22 – A Bill in Support of Korean Performance Group (KPG)
 - SB 23 – A Bill in Support of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)
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 - SB 25 – A Bill in Support of Replenishing the Senate Contingency Fund
 - SB 26 – A Bill Against Discriminatory Blood and Bone Marrow Drives
 - SB 27 – A Bill in Support of Amending the UCSA Charter
 - SB 28 – A Bill in Support of the February 13 Day of Action to Overturn Proposition 209
 - SB 29 – A Bill in Support of Chabad Jewish Student Group at Berkeley
 - SB 30 – A Bill in Support of Dr. Interns
- III. Approval of the Agenda for February 8, 2012
- IV. Guest Announcements
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- VII. ASUC Store Operations Board Report
- VIII. Appointed Official Reports
- IX. Executive Office Reports
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 - Executive Vice President Chris Alabastro

Academic Affairs Vice President
External Affairs Vice President
Student Advocate

Julia Joung
Joey Freeman
Samar Shah

X. Elected Officials Announcements

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XII. Consent Calendar

XIII. Immediate Consideration

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Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Elections Council Chair
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Greek Affairs Officer
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Director of Environmental Sustainability
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the ASUC Recognition Awards for the Oski
Leadership Awards
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Undergraduate Rep to the SOB
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Services Board Director
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Fundraising Director
Temporary Committee on Reforming Elections By-Laws
Temporary Committee on the Berkeley Students Foundation
Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Berkeley Student Cooperative Affairs
Officer
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Committee for Public Service
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Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Director of Disabled Students
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ASUC Representative to the Inter-Fraternity Council
ASUC Representative to the College Panhellenic Association

ASUC Representative to the National Pan-Hellenic Council
ASUC Representative to SUPERB
ASUC Representative to the Graduate Assembly
ASUC Representative to the Committee of Student Fees
ASUC Representative to the Re-entry and Transfer Students Association
ASUC Representative to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee
ASUC Representative to the Haas Business Students Association
ASUC Representative to the Berkeley Student Cooperative
Jengyee Liang Memorial ASUC Representative to the Engineering Student Council
ASUC Representative to the Recreational Sports Advisory Board
ASUC Representative to the Committee for Academic Opportunity
ASUC Representative to the Committee for Intellectual Community
ASUC Representative to the C.A.L. Housing Commission
ASUC Representative to the Lobby Corps Commission
ASUC Representative to the Fall Freshman Extension Program
ASUC Representative to the Removing Impediments to Students' Education (RISE)
Scholarship Program
ASUC Representative to the Ethnic Studies Fifth Account Committee
ASUC Representative to the Committee for Educational Enhancement
ASUC Representative to the ASUC Outstanding Student Recognition Evaluation
Committee
ASUC Representative to the Multi-Cultural Greek Council
ASUC Representative to the Multicultural Fund Selection Committee
ASUC Representative to the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability

A Bill in Support of the Renewal of the Class Pass Program Referendum for Spring 2012 ASUC Election

Authored by ASUC President Vishalli Loomba and GA President Bahar Navab

- WHEREAS,** The class pass program allows students to take unlimited rides on AC Transit buses (including Transbay lines to San Francisco and the Peninsula) and Bear Transit campus shuttles (excluding the Richmond Field Station lines; and
- WHEREAS,** In February 2006, 80% of the UC Berkeley students who voted in the Class Pass Program referendum approved the continuation of the Class Pass for a period of seven years. That was the third renewal of the Class Pass, allowing registered students to take unlimited rides on AC Transit buses; and
- WHEREAS,** The first referendum was approved by 89% of student voters in 1999. The unlimited ride program currently includes: transbay service to San Francisco, the connector from the Fremont BART station to Stanford University, Bear Transit campus shuttles (excluding Richmond Field Station) all year, and unlimited rides during the summer; and
- WHEREAS,** Each year, UC Berkeley students have taken over 3.5 million rides on AC Transit bus service, greatly reducing the need for students to bring a vehicle to campus. As cost of transportation continues to rise, this fee will ensure that Berkeley students have access to affordable, reliable bus transit service for the next seven years; and
- WHEREAS,** The referendum covers the period from the fall of 2013 through the summer of 2020, seven years; and,
- WHEREAS,** If approved, the fee will continue the current Class Pass program of unlimited rides all year long (including the summer) on:
- Any AC Transit bus
 - Transbay service to San Francisco
 - The connector from the Fremont BART Station to Stanford University
 - Bear Transit campus shuttles, Perimeter and Hill (excluding Richmond Field Station line)
 - Direct all-night service from San Francisco after midnight to downtown Berkeley

The fee will also pay for the following enhancements:

- Funding to install NextBus, or a similar technology, at bus shelters (that may also be accessible online and via cell phone) to let riders know when the next bus will arrive at their preferred bus stop
- Funding to upgrade existing student ID cards for use on AC Transit or to issue a separate Clipper Card.

WHEREAS, If the Class Pass referendum is not approved, Bear Transit service will be severely reduced. Students will no longer have unlimited access to AC Transit services, and would instead be required to purchase single tickets or monthly rider passes. Single rides on AC Transit buses are currently \$2.10 for local travel and \$4.20 for transbay. A monthly pass is \$80/month for local travel only and \$151.20/month for local and Transbay access; and,

WHEREAS, This fee is subject to the following costs and conditions:

Collection of the fee will begin in the Fall 2013 semester. It will be a \$77.00 charge per semester. Summer session students who were not enrolled for the previous Spring semester will have a charge of \$33.50. The new Class Pass fee will replace the current Class Pass program semester fee of \$79.00. Fees will remain in place for seven (7) years, and will be charged in the following amounts:

2013-14 to 2015-16 (Years 1-3): \$77.00 per semester
 2016-17 to 2017-18 (Years 4-5): \$80.00 per semester
 2018-19 to 2019-20 (Years 6-7): \$86.00 per semester

The following table shows fees under the current program and proposed fees under the referendum:

	<i>Current</i>		<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Years 4-5</i>	<i>Years 6-7</i>
	<i>FY11/12</i>	<i>FY12/13</i>	<i>FY13/14</i>		
AC Transit Amount	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 41.00
Parking & Transportation Shuttle	\$ 9.95	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.33	\$ 11.84	\$ 13.33
Alternate Technology	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Subtotal	\$ 45.25	\$ 52.25	\$ 51.33	\$ 53.34	\$ 57.33
Return To Financial Aid	\$ 22.63	\$ 26.13	\$ 25.67	\$ 26.67	\$ 28.67
Total Referndum Fee Before Rounding	\$ 67.88	\$ 78.38	\$ 77.00	\$ 80.01	\$ 86.00

WHEREAS, The Class Pass Program Advisory Committee, an independent committee consisting of representatives assigned by the sitting ASUC President and the sitting Graduate Assembly President, the administration, and AC Transit, will periodically evaluate the program and ensure that fee monies are properly allocated; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with campus policy, one-third of all mandatory student-imposed fees are returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for the neediest students who are eligible for campus-based financial aid; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, A Referendum on the Spring Regular Election 2012 Ballot reads as follows:

A renewal of the current Class Pass Referendum to continue providing unlimited student access to AC Transit and the campus shuttle (e.g. Perimeter & Hill shuttles), including the Night Safety Shuttle for the duration of the referendum (7 years), effective fall 2013, with a \$2.00 decrease in the per semester fee (from \$79.00 to \$77.00) for the first 3 years, increasing by \$3.00 (to \$80.00) for the 4th and 5th years and by \$6.00 (to \$86.00) for the 6th and 7th years. Do you approve of this fee?

A Bill in Support of Saving Mothers Research Team (SMRT)

Authored by Senator Annie Shin, Christina Kang**Sponsored by Senator Annie Shin**

- WHEREAS,** according to the United Nations Population Fund, a mother dies every minute during childbirth, and for every life lost, 20 more women experience serious complications, ranging from chronic infections to disabling injuries, such as obstetric fistula; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT is dedicated to raising awareness of such international maternal health issues; and,
- WHEREAS,** Saving Mothers Research Team (SMRT) was founded at UC Berkeley, but chapters have been created in Columbia and University of Rhode Island; and,
- WHEREAS,** this campus-wide organization works to promote and engage the community in issues involving maternal and child health; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT is predominantly a fundraising organization, raising money to purchase basic birthing kits we send with doctors and health care providers to places like Guatemala and Liberia, where SMRT has created midwifery programs; and,
- WHEREAS,** these past few years, SMRT has brought maternal health awareness at a local level by holding a baby supplies and toiletry drive every semester; and,
- WHEREAS,** last year, SMRT hosted a film screening of "A Walk to Beautiful," an American documentary about five Ethiopian women regaining control of their lives from obstetric fistula repair surgery; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT recently printed its own recipe book that SMRT collaborated with Cal Cooking Club to create for low income pregnant women; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT sells SMRT Mother's Day cards annually as a fundraiser for producing birthing kits; and,
- WHEREAS,** because many of SMRT members are pre-medical students, SMRT offers much advice and support for each other; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT has networking opportunities with doctors and health care providers who are involved in Saving Mothers Research Team internationally; and,
- WHEREAS,** SMRT often hosts student-teacher luncheons with professors who are typically from the School of Public Health with an expertise in global health; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2010-2011 academic year, SMRT was a fourth-year Student Activity Group (SAG); and,

WHEREAS, SMRT would like to be ASUC sponsored once again; and,

WHEREAS, SMRT would like the following funded by the ASUC:

Item	Price /Unit	Unit Count	Total	Requesting	Source of Funding
Recipe Books	\$3.125	80	\$250.00	\$250.00	ASUC Senate Contingency
Flyers, tape, other stationery supplies	--	--	\$100.00	\$0	Out of pocket
Supplies to create birthing kits	--	--	\$1000.00	\$0	Out of pocket
Professor Luncheons	--	--	\$250.00	\$0	Out of pocket
Baby supply drive supplies	--	--	\$20.00	\$0	Out of pocket
Movie Screening (movie purchase and rent for room and equipment)	--	--	\$160.00	\$0	Out of pocket

Grand Total	\$250.00
Total requesting from ASUC	\$250.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Saving Mothers Research Team (SMRT) as a fifth-year Student Activity Group (SAG) for the 2011-2012 academic year.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$250.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Saving Mothers Research Team (SMRT) to cover the items listed in the above budget.

A Bill in Support of Expanding Your Horizons @ Berkeley's Conference

Authored by Senator Annie Shin, Madeline Girard**Sponsored by Senator Annie Shin**

- WHEREAS,** EYH @ Berkeley is a student group for those with a desire to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers; and,
- WHEREAS,** the purpose and objectives of the organization are shared with those of the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network™; and,
- WHEREAS,** Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network™ is a non-profit membership organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives, who are concerned about low female participation in math/science fields and thus plan coordinated efforts to strengthen female involvement in these areas; and,
- WHEREAS,** EYH @ Berkeley currently consist of thirty-two very active UC Berkeley students, two faculty members, and two community members; and,
- WHEREAS,** EYH @ Berkeley became recognized as a 1st year Student Initiated Service Group (SISG) in Fall 2011; and,
- WHEREAS,** through the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network™, the EYH @ Berkeley group is working to host an Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics™ conference at Berkeley on March 3, 2012; and,
- WHEREAS,** the conference will consist of keynote speakers (from Chevron), workshops, reception ceremony, and meals (during which girls have the opportunity to talk to the workshop presenters, graduate students, and undergraduate students); and,
- WHEREAS,** this annual conference will provide STEM role models and hands-on activities for middle school girls because EYH's ultimate mission is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st century challenges; and,
- WHEREAS,** after the actual conference EYH will have impacted over 250 middle school girls in Berkeley and the surrounding areas, and over 100 UCB undergraduate students who will volunteer to help run the event; and,
- WHEREAS,** the proposed expenses for the conference is:

Item	Price/Unit	Unit Count	Total Price	Requesting
Site Costs				
Alumni House Rent Fee	\$865.00	1	\$865.00	\$0
VLSB Lobby, courtyard, and conference room (4+ hours)	\$300.00	1	\$300.00	\$300.00
Lunch Site Cost	\$790.00	1	\$790.00	\$0
Chairs/Table Rental	\$400.00	1	\$400.00	\$0
Tent	\$200.00	1	\$200.00	\$0
Custodian Fee	\$200.00	1	\$200.00	\$0
Parking for speakers	\$13	30	\$390.00	\$0
Outreach and Publicity				
Brochure/postcards	--	--	\$800.00	\$0
Scholarships for 60 students	--	--	\$900.00	\$0
Posters (glossy and colored)	\$2.33	300	\$700.00	\$30.00
Postage and stationery	--	--	\$200.00	\$0
Food Costs				
Pre-conference Orientation for speakers and volunteers	\$7.00	85 (35 speakers + 50 volunteers)	\$595.00	\$0
Lunch for students, speakers, and volunteers	\$7.00	335	\$2345.00	\$0
Snacks for students, speakers, and volunteers	\$3.00	335	\$1005.00	\$0
Speakers hospitality room and reception	\$2.00	35 speakers	\$70.00	\$0
Speaker and Volunteer Reception expenses	\$3.00	85 (35 speakers + 50 volunteers)	\$255.00	\$0
For Students				
Programs (10 pages per program)	\$1.71 (\$0.17/page)	350	\$600.00	\$600.00
Photocopies (donation letters,	--	--	\$200.00	\$0

signs, additional flyers)				
Conference bags/contents	\$2.00	300	\$600.00	\$0
T-shirts	\$10.00	350	\$3500.00	\$0
Workshop materials	\$2.00	17 students * 45 workshop sessions	\$1530.00	\$0
Raffle prizes	--	--	\$300.00	\$0
Misc Expenses				
Speaker Thank You Gifts	\$10.00	35	\$350.00	\$0
Bank fees	\$24.00	1	\$24.00	\$0
EYH Network registration fees	--	--	\$250.00	\$0
Total Expenses			\$17,369.00	
Total Requesting from ASUC			\$930.00	

WHEREAS, the proposed income for the 2012 conference is:

Source	Amount
Student Registration Fee (190 students x \$15/student, 60 on scholarship)	\$2850.00
Alameda Pediatric Dentistry and Pleasanton Pediatric Dentistry	\$237.50
EYH Network Sponsor – Chevron	\$1900.00
College of Chemistry, UC Berkeley	\$475.00
College of Engineering, UC Berkeley	\$855.00
College of Letters and Sciences, UC Berkeley	\$950.00
College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley	\$237.50
Optics Society of America	\$950.00
Tri-Valley EYH / Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories	\$950.00
Donations from individuals	\$1040.25
Cash Donates	\$7595.25
Total Cash Income	\$10,445.25

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Expand Your Horizons @ Berkeley's conference be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$930.00 for the item listed in the budget from the Senate Contingency Fund to Expand Your Horizons @ Berkeley.

A Bill in Support of Korean Performance Group (KPG)

Authored by Senator Annie Shin, Andy Jongwon Kim

Sponsored by Senator Annie Shin

WHEREAS, established in February 2010 by Andy Jongwon Kim and Michael Jeongmin Lee, Korean Performance Group (KPG) is UC Berkeley's first ever Korean-student led K-Pop dance group; and,

WHEREAS, with positive support from the Korean community, KPG has developed into the only permanent dance group that represents K-Pop culture at UC Berkeley; and,

WHEREAS, through performing and dancing, KPG strives to deliver the art of K-Pop to the diverse UC Berkeley community so that more people can appreciate Korean culture; and,

WHEREAS, KPG currently consists of over 30 active student members and seven staff members; and,

WHEREAS, KPG registered with Center for Student Leadership, submitted an approved constitution, and attended necessary orientations; and,

WHEREAS, KPG would like to become an ASUC-sponsored group; and,

WHEREAS, the operational costs for KPG are:

Item	Price/Unit	Unit Count	Total	Requesting
Table	\$40.00	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Chairs	\$10.00	2	\$20.00	\$20.00
Banner	\$50.00	1	\$50.00	\$50.00

Total requesting from ASUC	\$110.00
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC officially recognize Korean Performance Group (KPG) as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG); and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$110.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Korean Performance Group (KPG) to cover the items listed in the above budget.

A Bill in Support of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)

Authored by Senator Noah Ickowitz and Senator Shahryar Abbasi

Sponsored by Senator Noah Ickowitz and Senator Shahryar Abbasi

WHEREAS, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) was established in 1999 at UC Berkeley; and,

WHEREAS, NSCS was created in 1994 as a non-profit organization; and,

WHEREAS, NSCS has spread to over 300 campuses across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the top 15 percent of UC Berkeley students are invited to join NSCS based on their academic performance; and,

WHEREAS, NSCS members participate in PACE, a program that helps to mentor students at Lincoln Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, NSCS puts on fundraising events to try to attain financial self-sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, monthly meetings are held with members to discuss relevant issues to NSCS and the Cal community; and,

WHEREAS, the organization provides numerous scholarship opportunities that help students complete their college education; and,

WHEREAS, over three hundred Berkeley students are members of NSCS,

WHEREAS, the budget allocation is listed below in a line item budget:

Line-Item Budget					
Item Name	Price/Unit	Unit Count	Quantity	Total	Requested
Scotch Tape	\$4.99	1	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Table	\$40.00	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Chairs	\$10.00	1	2	\$20.00	\$20.00
Pens	\$4.99	50	2	\$9.98	\$9.98
Scissors	\$3.99	1	1	\$3.99	\$3.99
Paper	\$6.79	500	1	\$6.79	\$6.79
Stapler	\$10.00	1	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Staples	\$2.49	1000	1	\$2.49	\$2.49
Binder	\$6.99	1	1	\$6.99	\$6.99
Box	\$4.50	1	1	\$4.50	\$4.50
Name Badge	\$6.00	24	1	\$6.00	\$6.00

Holders					
Name Inserts	\$6.49	100	1	\$6.49	\$6.49
Invitation Envelopes	\$14.49	100	1	\$14.49	\$14.49

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Society of Collegiate Scholars be recognized as a first year Student Activity Group (SAG); and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NSCS be allocated 136.71 dollars for startup expenses.

A Bill in Support of Cal Students at the UCSA Student Lobby Conference

**Authored by Lobby Corps Directors Courtney McDonald and
Rachel Horning, Senators Sydney Fang and Andy Albright
Sponsored by Senators Fang and Albright**

- WHEREAS,** the University of California Student Association (UCSA) is a coalition of students and student governments that aims to provide a collective voice for over 200,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students and is recognized as the official voice of UC students to the Legislature, the Regents and other organizations; and,
- WHEREAS,** UCSA was created in response to growing student activism in the 1960s after the first proposal of student fees for our “free” UC system by Governor Ronald Reagan and has since fought for access, affordability, and quality of UC education; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Student Lobby Conference (SLC) is an annual UCSA conference at the State Capitol in Sacramento where students from across the state gather to lobby on legislation related to high education issues; and,
- WHEREAS,** this year from March 2nd to March 5th an expected 400 UC students will convene at the 10th annual Student Lobby Conference to strategize and lobby on Proposition 13 and Comprehensive Financial Aid, both legislative priorities voted on by students at the 2011 UCSA Congress; and,
- WHEREAS,** the conference will include a number of workshops, legislative briefings and a Lobby Day on Monday, March 5th in Sacramento with a press conference and a march at the Capitol; and,
- WHEREAS,** SLC provides students the opportunities to build lobbying skills, refine student testimonials, and directly engage elected officials to support higher education; and,
- WHEREAS,** registration for the 2012 Student Lobby Conference is open to all students of UC Berkeley on a first come, first served basis; and,
- WHEREAS,** the budget for the Student Lobby Conference is as follows:

Item	Quantity	Cost per unit	Cost	Source
Registration fee (Official UCSA)	45	\$125	\$5625	Senate Contingency Fund+ SOF (pending)+ Lobby Corps
Bus	2 ways	\$491	\$982	AAVP Grant (pending) +

				Lobby Corps
Hotel	9 rooms; 2 nights	\$98 + fees= \$111.01	\$1998.18	Lobby Corps
			Revenue	
Registration fee (collected from delegates)	45	\$20	\$900	
		TOTAL:	\$7705.18	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$2000 be allocated to the University of California Student Association (UCSA) from the Senate Contingency Fund to cover the cost of student registration fees for the Student Lobby Conference.

A Bill in Support of Replenishing the Senate Contingency Fund

Authored by Senator Shirinian
Sponsored by Senator Abbasi, Senator Albright, Senator Chia,
Senator Diaz, Senator Lam, Senator Shin, Senator Shirinian

- WHEREAS,** The Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) Senate is currently allocating funds to student organizations for various projects, programs, and activities led by students of the University of California, Berkeley; and
- WHEREAS,** The ASUC Senate is running short on funds necessary to continue funding major events and projects hosted by these organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** The ASUC Senate prioritizes the needs of students financially through the Senate Contingency Fund for allocations specific to programs and events presented in main motions; and
- WHEREAS,** The ASUC Senate would like to continue supporting major efforts throughout this campus; and
- THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** that the ASUC Senate allocate \$24,000 from the Carry Forward Fund to the Senate Contingency Fund.

A Bill Against Discriminatory Blood and Bone Marrow Drives

**Authored by Senator Albright and Steven Johnson
Sponsored by Senator Albright**

- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 7, Clause C of the ASUC Constitution states that: “The Senate shall not fund any activity or group which discriminates against any student by race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, physical disability, or political activity or belief in its method or recruitment and acceptance for membership”; and,
- WHEREAS,** Men who have had sex with other men and women who have had sex with men who have had sex with men, at any time since 1977 are currently deferred as blood donors according to antiquated Food and Drug Administration Policy from 1983. This is because MSM are, as a group, at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and certain other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion; and
- WHEREAS,** Blood donor testing using current advanced technologies has nearly eliminated the risk of HIV transmission in the United States. Improved procedures, donor screening for risk of infection, and laboratory testing for evidence of HIV infection have made the United States blood supply safer than ever, and
- WHEREAS,** ASUC-sponsored student groups hosts blood drives and bone marrow drives in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union; and,
- WHEREAS,** In March of 2006, the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), America's Blood Centers (ABC) and the American Red Cross (ARC) testified before the FDA that the lifetime ban for men who have sex with men "is medically and scientifically unwarranted" and that "it does not appear rational to broadly differentiate sexual transmission via male-to-male sexual activity from that via heterosexual activity on scientific grounds."; and
- WHEREAS,** In March of 2010, 18 U.S. Senators wrote a joint letter to FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, testifying that “not a single piece of scientific evidence supports the ban” and that it is “medically and scientifically unwarranted”; and
- WHEREAS,** Rational blood donation guidelines need to be founded upon the best evidence-based science and the behavior of individuals, and the FDA’s current guidelines imply that gay men are the primary agents for the spread of HIV; and,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the ASUC officially opposes the FDA ban on MSM blood donation; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the ASUC EAVP author letters to Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, as well as Congresswoman Barbara Lee, asking that they continue to pressure the FDA.

A Bill in Support of Amending the UCSA Charter

Authored by Senator Mecklai, Senator Abbasi, and EAVP Freeman**Sponsored by Senator Mecklai and Senator Abbasi**

WHEREAS, the ASUC is a proud member of the University of California Student Association (UCSA) and recognizes UCSA's position as the official systemwide voice of the UC student body; and

WHEREAS, UCSA must make changes to its Charter in order to regain status as a 501c3 organization; and

WHEREAS, these changes to the UCSA Charter are required by the IRS for organizations that are seeking a non-profit 501c3 status. The language comes from the IRS, tracking the language in Internal Revenue code, and has been reviewed by UCSA's attorney; and

WHEREAS, whenever the UCSA Charter is revised, the changes must be approved by 2/3rds of the member associations; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the Charter do not represent any significant change of the activities or purpose of UCSA. They will not prohibit any activities that they currently engage in, or broaden their activities. UCSA will still be able to advocate for legislation but will still not endorse/support candidates for office; and

WHEREAS, UCSA in the past has relied on the tax-exempt status of the UC Regents. UCSA is currently in the process of applying for its own tax-exempt 501c3 status. This change has been approved by the UC Office of the President and will not change significantly UCSA's funding or structure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate approves UCSA's charter changes; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct External Affairs Vice President Freeman to notify the UCSA Board of Directors of its decision.

A Bill in Support of the February 13th Day of Action to Overturn Proposition 209

Authored by Senator Fang, Senator Williams
Sponsored by Senator Fang, Senator Williams, Senator Diaz, Senator Galace

- WHEREAS**, California Proposition 209 was passed in 1996 and prohibits Affirmative Action in admissions in public institutions; and
- WHEREAS**, in July of 1995, the University of California Board of Regents enacted Special Policy 1 and 2; and
- WHEREAS**, Special Policy 1 and Special Policy 2 banned the use of race, ethnicity, and gender in admissions and hiring respectively; and
- WHEREAS**, these policies have devastated the representation of minorities in higher education; and,
- WHEREAS**, after the passage of Proposition 209, the following freshmen class of 1998 at University of California, Berkeley saw a 50% decline in African American, Latino, and Pilipino students compared to the prior year, according to the American Bar Association; and,
- WHEREAS**, the 6th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals overturned Michigan's Proposal 2, a similar ban on affirmative action; and,
- WHEREAS**, the 9th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in San Francisco will consider arguments in favor of overturning California Proposition 209 on February 13, 2012; and,
- WHEREAS**, Students and community members will demonstrate at the Court of Appeals on the day of the hearing to urge the federal court to overturn Prop. 209; and,
- WHEREAS**, the budget for UC students' demonstration is as follows:
- WHEREAS**, structural and plain discrimination evident in American schools, neighborhoods, and law enforcement cause stratification by identity; and,
- WHEREAS**, underprivileged and historically excluded groups, such as people of color, women and queer people, are underrepresented in higher education and in the workplace, resulting in class stratification by gender, race, and sexual orientation; and,
- WHEREAS**, prior to the 1960s and the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case, institutions such as the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) had admissions policies that blatantly excluded people of color, women, and discriminated based on religious affiliation; and,

WHEREAS, such policies created a need for affirmative action, policies that take into account factors such as, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin, in order to benefit an underrepresented group; and,

WHEREAS, these policies are not intended to shut out majority groups, instead their objective is to “level the playing field” and broaden admission requirements; and,

WHEREAS, affirmative action fulfills the state’s promise to make higher education accessible to students from diverse backgrounds by ensuring that diversity on CSU and UC campuses is representative of the diversity of the state of California; and,

WHEREAS, If preferential treatment programs, such as Legacy Admissions, are allowed in the admission policies for some of the most prominent universities in our country, then there should also be admission policies based on, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, without the ability to consider all relevant factors in admission policies, underrepresented groups will continue to gain admission at rates that are disproportionate of the demographics of the state; and,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the ASUC stands in firm support of reinstating affirmative action and endorses the Day of Action to overturn Prop. 209; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUC will grant \$ from ASUC Senate Contingency Fund for buses to transport students from the Berkeley campus to the Court of Appeals; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUC urges instructors to be lenient on class attendance on the day of action and to encourage students to learn more about affirmative action and its importance to communities of color; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the ASUC urges Chancellor Birgeneau to take a public stance on this court case.

A Bill in Support of Chabad Jewish Student Group at Berkeley

Authored by Sandra Cohen

Sponsored by Senator Annie Shin, Senator Aviv Gilboa, Senator Noah Ickowitz

WHEREAS, Chabad's mission is to promote Jewish learning, community and activities on the Berkeley campus; and,

WHEREAS, Chabad consists of 500 members who are all students at the University of California, Berkeley; and,

WHEREAS, Chabad plans to outreach to all students, faculty, and staff on issues relating to Jewish learning and community outreach; and,

WHEREAS, Chabad has registered with Center for Student Leadership and submitted an approved constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Chabad was recognized as a third-year Student Activity Group (SAG) for the 2010-2011 academic year; and,

WHEREAS, Chabad was unable to apply for the 2011-2012 Spring Budgeting last semester, but would like to continue being an ASUC sponsored group; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Chabad Jewish Student Group at Berkeley as a fourth-year ASUC-sponsored Student Activity Group (SAG).

A Bill in Support of Dr. Interns

Authored by Senator Annie Shin
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WHEREAS, Dr. Interns is the premier non-profit program for medical and health care internships abroad; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Interns is an organization dedicated to providing not only a career enhancing experience, but a life changing one; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Interns consists of members who are undergraduate students, graduate students, or recently graduated students pursuing a career in the healthcare industry; and,

WHEREAS, interns work side-by-side with doctors in developing countries to save lives and improve conditions; and,

WHEREAS, when interns are not at the hospital or clinic, they explore the country with locals, immersing themselves in culture, food, and making new friends; and,

WHEREAS, interns must fund for their own trips to developing countries out of pocket or through donations and fundraisers; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Interns' long term goal includes building mobile medical clinics in these locations that provide self-sustaining basic health care for those who normally would go without; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Interns' first mobile clinic is expected to break ground in Ratanpura, India in 2012; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Dr. Interns as a first-year Student Initiated Service Group (SISG) for the 2011-2012 school year.